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## 2020 HAM OF THE YEAR

**Congratulation** to INDEXA's very own Yasu "Zorro" Miyazawa, JH1AJT. He was named this year's recipient of 2020 Hamvention's "Ham of the Year!"

Through his generous endowment, Zorro brought the INDEXA Humanitarian Aid Fund, "Hams With Hearts" into existence, and linked DXing and DXpeditions with service to humanity.



## 2020 Hamvention Ham of the Year

Article from Hamvention website

It was in 1964 when JH1AJT Yasuo MIYAZAWA —also well known as “Zorro”— obtained his first JA license for ham radio operation. He was 15 years old. Then, in 1966, he obtained a JA station license at age 16. As a high school student, he didn't own good equipment, but he enjoyed operation with radios and antennas handmade by himself. At that time, there were not many operators on 10m band and many foreign DXpeditioners called Zorro every day. This experience led him to the DX world, and his international humanitarian activities as well.

Since then, Zorro has contacted many countries all over the world, and developed not only a large number of QSOs but also the friendships with operators of each country. In the DXCC World Ranking, he



has been no. 1 on 10m band. About 1980, he started to lead groups and try difficult DXpeditions, and achieved many successes. E3, A5, XW, XZ, XU, S2...are only a part of the countries in which he implemented DXpeditions. In 2015, he was inducted into the DX Hall of Fame.

The most distinctive feature of his DXpeditions is that he never focuses on the radio operation only, but

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he cooperates with local people and implements humanitarian activities that are needed in the community, to continue it for long time. He contributed to many activities such as dispatching a technical advisory group for the reorganization of national broadcasting stations of Bangladesh and Laos, supporting an orphanage in Bangladesh for its independent management, supporting the establishment of a vocational training center in Cambodia, and so on. He started these activities as individual volunteer works in the 1970's, but as they developed significantly, he felt the need to carry out these activities as an organization, and in 2010 he established

["Foundation for Global Children"](#). He has also contributed to various ham radio communities, including the establishment of INDEXA Humanitarian Aid.

Zorro has created new learning environments for children since 1972, when he set up a cram school with only 2 students. He has revolutionized the education in Japan, through creating the first learning systems for children who had difficulties in ordinary schools because of their having dyslexia, developmental disabilities, and so on. He founded "SEISA Group", and now it holds various education institutes throughout Japan, from kindergartens and nurseries to junior high schools, high schools, universities and graduate schools, and more than 40,000 people are studying in SEISA.



*July 17, 2010 Yasuo "Zorro" Miyazawa Founder of the FGC Founder/CEO, SEISA Group*

Foundation for Global Children, established by Zorro in 2010, has been continuously supporting children and youth in Africa, Asia, and other areas in a wide range of fields, including education, health promotion, medical care, sports, and so on. He always carried out what he had promised. This led him to gain the great trust from each country's royal family, president, minister, government officials and private sector as well. In recent years, he has focused on fostering youth and leaders in developing countries through sports, and supporting the social advancement of people with disabilities, especially in the wake of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games. He works on these projects in cooperation with governments and related organizations in each country. In Bhutan, he has been in a friendly relationship with the royal family for more than 25 years, and in 2019, he was appointed as the Honorary Advisor to HRH Prince Jigyel Ugen Wangchuck, President of Bhutan's Olympic Committee, working together on social reform. Through these activities, Zorro was awarded the Japanese Foreign Minister's Commendation in 2018. He says, "Regardless of whether it's big or small, I'm just doing what I can do".

He is currently Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of SEISA Group, Chairperson of FGC, and Chairperson of SEISA Group's Kokusai Gakuen Education Institute. Even though he is always busy with these duties, he continues his studies and completed his master's course in Waseda University in 2014, and is currently conducting further research in the doctoral course at SEISA University. He is also a visiting researcher at the University of Tokyo Graduate School of Public Policy.

# ALEXA: WHAT'S INDEXA?

Written by Valerie Hotzfeld ~ NV9L

...with special thanks to Gary K4MQG for providing the history.

Do you remember what you were doing in 1983? Most likely, you were not playing on your computer. You weren't on the internet; it wasn't around yet. Perhaps you were listening to the new Billy Joel single "Uptown Girl." Maybe you went to see "The Big Chill" at your local movie theater. Something else happened that year. It was the year INDEXA was formed.

How did it begin, you may wonder? Enter the daily DX net. Murf W4WMQ, Bill W4UNP, Gary K4MQG, Hoppie W3DJZ, Bud K3RLY, Eva PY2PE, and others would hang out on 20 meters every afternoon at 23:30 GMT to chat about DX. While chatting about DX, Murf often wondered what they could do to get



*(L to R) Robert Denton KF4NO, Bill Jennings W4UNP, Murf Ratterree W4WMQ, John Parrott W4FRU, Gary Dixon K4MQG, Ron Wright ZL1AMO*

more islands/DX on the air. Murf W4WMQ solicited the help of his good friend Bill Jennings W4UNP. Together they, along with others, started the International DX Association.

Remember that back then technology was nowhere near what it is today. So how did they manage a club with members and DXpeditioners from all over the World? They did it with fax machines and long-distance phone calls. AS luck would have it, Murf and Bill both worked for the local phone company. Gary

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K4MQG another founding member worked for AT&T at the time. This gave Murf access to free long-distance calls, back when long distance rates were not cheap. For example, in 1984 a 30-minute call to France would run about \$30 and domestic calls were \$0.40 a minute on average. Also consider that back then, it was exceedingly difficult just to get a circuit into certain countries.



**Ron Wright ZL1AMO**

During the genesis of INDEXA, in pops Ron Wright ZL1AMO to the net. Eventually as Ron and Murf became good friends on the air. Ron was already a seasoned DXpeditioner after having been on several DXpeditions starting in the late 70's. Murf asked Ron what he would need to go to Kermadec Island. Ron, who owned a taxicab company, talked to his daughter who was a travel agent. Together they figured out the cost. Rather than state dollar figures needed on the daily net for all to hear, Ron would talk in code. Ron would replace US dollars with feet of coax. For instance, If Ron said he needed 500 feet of coax, Murf would know that he needed \$500. In addition to the cost of travel, equipment was also needed.

INDEXA first Dxpediton funding of mostly donated equipment went to Ron going to ZL8 Kermadec Island. You can read all about Ron's March of 1984 eventful journey in this issue, which includes a sinking ship. Throughout Ron ZL1AMO's illustrious ham radio adventures, he managed to activate more than 100 DXpeditions, mostly in the Pacific. Ron was inducted into the DX Hall of Fame in 1985, not long after this DXpedition.

Back in the day, most of the contributions from INDEXA were in the form of member donated equipment, free QSL cards, and small (by today's standard) cash donations. As vendors and manufacturers came on board donating equipment, INDEXA started donating more cash to fund the travel costs rather than the equipment.

In the first 10 years of INDEXA, they helped activate the following DXpeditions:

1984 ZL8 Kermadec Island

1986 ZK3 Tokelau Islands

1987 3Y0/P Peter I Island

1987 S0 Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic

1987 PY0F Fernando De Noronha Island

1987 ZL9 Auckland Island

1988 PY0T Trindade Island



**Peter I**

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1989 3W Vietnam

1990 3Y/B Bouvet Island

1990 KH9 Wake Island

1990 T2 Tuvalu

1990 JT Mongolia

1990 1S0 Spratly Islands

1990 ST Sudan

1991 YA Afghanistan

1991 ZS0 Penguin Island

1991 PY0P St. Peter and Paul Rocks

1991 XZ Myanmar

1992 ZA Albania

1992 VP8/G South Georgia Island

1992 4J1 Maly Vysotsky Island

1993 ET Ethiopia

1993 E3 Eritrea

1993 KP1 Navassa



*Wake Island*



*Maly Vysotsky Island*

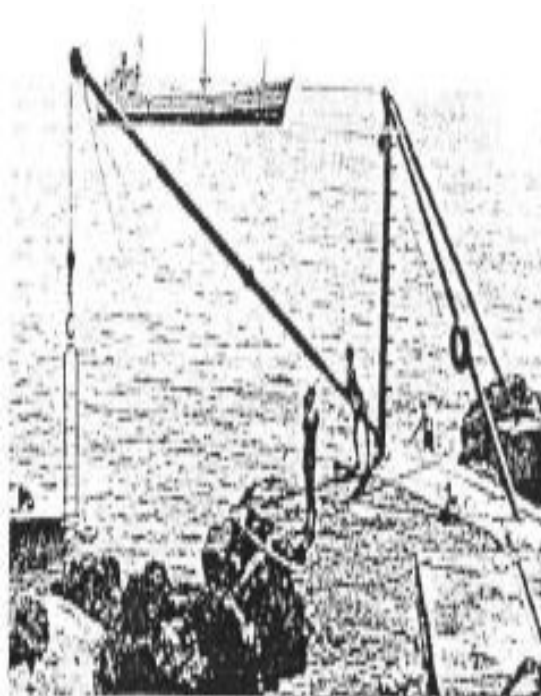
In the early days there were only a few dozen INDEXA members. Present day INDEXA has grown to over 1000 members from all over the globe.

In 37 years, INDEXA has contributed to over **250** DXpeditions!



# Kermadec Island Winter 1984

Taken from the Spring and Summer  
of 1984 INDEXA Newsletters



The Kermadec DXpeditions  
rescue - when their  
chartered boat was damaged  
rescue came their way by a  
passing tanker.

Our voyage to ZL8 went smoothly and took 5 days for the 600 miles. Although we arrived mid-morning Sunday, it took a long time and much hard work to get our gear and supplies ashore.

Finally got started on 7 MHz CW at 0619 Z (local 1819) and the first QSO was with N4VZ.

## Antennas:

- 2X 3 ele tri-banders
- 2X 3.5 & 3.8 dipoles
- 1X 1.8 dipole
- 1X 7 dipole

## Equipment:

- ICOM 720A, 745
- KENWOOD 830S, 430S

Included was a 2.5 KW petrol generator and several barrels of petrol and diesel fuel (boat & island use). Much food, drink and also 2 large bags of special "pig" food.

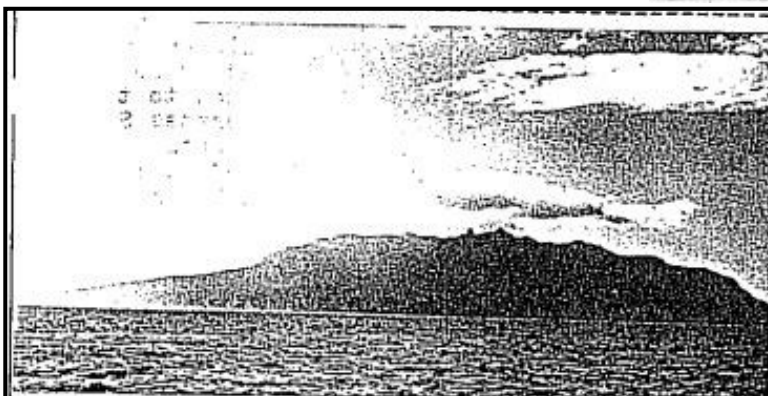
Warwick, ZL8AFH, now owns a drowned 720A which was aboard when it went down.

The amateur side of the DXpedition went very well but was rather difficult to keep the personal skeds due to having 4 stations on the air at the same time. I managed to work 28 CW with the 28 SSB at the same time with some difficulty. The TS 430 put out a lot of white noise at close quarters, being used by ZL0AJW/8. The Icom 745 right beside me gave no trouble.

As known, the yacht "Shiner" was lost due to a cyclone which suddenly changed course in the midnight period. It dragged the anchor & broke the tie lines. The yacht hit a rock and sank in 50 feet of water. The two on board at the time made it ashore ok. All this happened on the opposite side of the island from the radio sight. Insurance will cover the yacht but being forced to hitch a ride home on the small ship, we now face an extra \$3000.00(US) in cost. Next chapter soon. Hi..

Your Friend, Ron ZL1AMO  
28 Chorley, Auckland 8, N.Z.

**\*\*Note\*\*** The boys did a fine job and now they need help. What about it.. de W4WMQ



Approaching KERMADEC -  
A welcome sight for  
the landlubbers.



**The election results are in and the changes are:**

**Ralph Fedor K0IR has stepped down as Chairman of the Board. He was replaced by Lou Dietrich N2TU. Congratulations Lou! Thank you Ralph for your dedication and service as Chairman of the Board.**

**INDEXA also added another 1 year director position. Congratulations to Adrian Ciuperca KO8SCA being newly elected as director.**

Three Year Directors: Bob Allphin, K4UEE, and Ralph Fedor, K0IR, were each elected to serve during the 2021, 2022 and 2023 fiscal years. Hal Turley, W8HC, was previously elected to serve during the 2020, 2021, and 2022 fiscal years.

Two Year Directors: Lou Dietrich, N2TU, was elected to serve during the 2021 and 2022 fiscal years. Franz Langner, DJ9ZB, and Gary Dixon, K4MQG, were each previously elected to serve during the 2020 and 2021 fiscal years.

One Year Directors: John Scott, K8YC, Adrian Ciuperca, KO8SCA, Steve Sullivan, KZ2I, Valerie Hotzfeld, NV9L, and Otis Vicens, NP4G, were each elected to serve during the 2021 fiscal year.

President: Bob Schenck, N2OO, was previously elected to serve during the 2020 and 2021 fiscal years.

Vice President: Jerry Rosalius, WB9Z, was previously elected to serve during the 2020 and 2021 fiscal years.

Secretary-Treasurer: Dick Williams, W3OA, was previously elected to serve during the 2020 and 2021 fiscal years.

The Directors have now voted for the Fiscal Year 2021 Chairman and elected Lou Dietrich, N2TU to serve as Chairman.

Thanks to Dick W3OA our secretary & treasurer for all his hard work on this.



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